

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1148

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rosemary H. Allen, on her selection as 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year at Avery Trace Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Allen is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen has recently been selected the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year by Avery Trace Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Allen's exemplary teaching abilities were also recognized in November of 2007 and January of 2008, when she was named Teacher of the Month at Avery Trace Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen received her bachelor's degree in health and physical education and a master's degree in secondary education with an English emphasis from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Allen has served with acumen and alacrity as a seventh grade teacher at Avery Trace for twelve exemplary years; she is an eighteen-year veteran of the Putnam County School System, having taught seventh grade English for six years at Cookeville Junior High School before her esteemed tenure at Avery Trace; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen is a dedicated educator who tirelessly toils to give the students at Avery Trace Middle School the best education possible by working on the Tennessee School Improvement Plan for Avery Trace Middle School and serving as the Avery Trace Middle School Poetry Club sponsor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she has stayed abreast of the latest educational methods and trends through her membership in Pi Lambda Theta, the National Honor and Professional Association in Education; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Allen truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, a generous person whose benevolent nature knows no bounds, Ms. Allen renders selfless service as Chairperson of the Nurture and Outreach Committee at Friendship United Methodist Church, providing essentials such as food and clothing to those in need and ministering to those who are unable to attend church services; and

WHEREAS, Rosemary Allen truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rosemary H. Allen on being chosen the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year at Avery Trace Middle School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.